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SUBJ: INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATION 6.2H-2.

REF: STATE 203346

EMBASSY BOGOTA SHOULD DELETE THE EIGHT INSIDE GERCAR GUARDS.

## RESPONSE:

BOGOTA - THE INTERIOR GUARDS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BASEMENT GUARD, ARE VIEWED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SECURITY SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDES THE PERIMETER AND LOBBY SECURITY. NO SECURITY SYSTEM IS 100 PERCENT FOOLPROOF AND THE BACKUP AND CONTROL PROVIDED BY THE INTERIOR LOCAL GUARDS IS NECESSARY SHOULD TERRORISTS, OR THE LONE DERANGED INDIVIDUAL, ESCAPE THE INITIAL PERIMETER AND LOBBY SCREENING SYSTEM. THE ADDED SECURITY PROVIDED BY THESE GUARDS, INCLUDING CROWD CONTROL, IS CONSIDERED BY THE EMBASSY TO BE WELL WORTH THE SMALL COST INVOLVED. THE RSO IS WELL AWARE OF THE WEAK ACCESS POINT THROUGH THE BASEMENT AND AS DISCUSSED WITH THE INSPECTORS, MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN THIS AREA. A TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER HAS VISITED BOGOTA TO CONDUCT A CCTV SURVEY OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHANCERY BASED ON THE RSO'S RECOMMEDNATION THAT A CAMERA BE PLACED IN THE BASEMENT AREA WITH THE MONITOR AT THE MARINE DESK IN THE LOBBY. ONCE THIS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED, THE GARAGE DOOR WILL BE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES AND WILL BE REMOTELY OPENED BY THE MARINE, AFTER SCREENING WAITING VEHICLES VIA THE CCTV.

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